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Table of Gold, Silver and Copper Coins, NOT Issued by the United States Mint.

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Actually, the idea for this column was aroused by the discovery in our reference library the other day of an 1871 booklet *Table of Gold, Silver and Copper Coins, NOT issued by the United States Mint* prepared by Edward Cogan, coin dealer in New York City. While most dealers past and present create references about coins that do exist, or offer coins for sale that were actually made, this Cogan pamphlet is different. Denomination by denomination, he treats each issue, not detailing those that were made, but those that were not.

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For example, under silver dollars he states this: "None issued from 1804-1835 inclusive, and 1837."

For half dollars, he notes: "None issued in the following years: 1798, 1799 and 1800. 1804 is so exceedingly rare that many collectors even doubt its existence."

For quarter dollars, we see, "None issued in 1797-1803 inclusive, and 1808-1814 inclusive, 1816, 1817, 1826, 1829, 1830."

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Of course, 1871 was part of the cradle days of American numismatics, and in an era in which little factual information was available to collectors, the Cogan publication certainly could have been of interest.

This prompts the remark that there are new discoveries to be made, and if someone was to create a list today of coins not issued by the United States Mint, quite possibly some new discoveries would come to light in the future changing that. For example, in the 1970s the numismatic world was startled by the discovery of the hitherto unknown 1870-S half dime. And then there is the 1964-D Peace dollar — do specimens exist today or not?

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TABLE OF COINS THAT WERE NOT ISSUED BY THE UNITED STATES MINT.

GOLD COINAGE.

Double Eagles.

None issued until 1849, which was struck as a pattern.

Eagles, 1st Coinage, 1795.

None issued in 1802, 1805 and 1837 inclusive.

Half Eagles, 1st Coinage, 1795.

None issued in 1816 and 1817.

Many Collectors will be surprised that I have not included the 1801 and 1815 amongst those not coined. In regard to the first, my reason for not doing so is similar to that expressed about the 1804 Half Dollar, and in regard to the 1815, I happen to know of *two* in different Collections at the present moment.

Quarter Eagles, 1st Coinage, 1796.

None issued in 1799, 1800, 1801, 1803, 1809 to 1820 inclusive, 1822, 1823 and 1828.

Three Dollar Pieces.

None issued until 1854.

One Dollar Pieces.

None issued until 1849.

SILVER COINAGE.

Dollars, 1st Coinage, 1794.

None issued from 1804 to 1835 inclusive, and 1837—(1836 two varieties, 1838 and 1839 are all patterns;) 1840 to 1871 all issued, but from 1866 to the present year, *both* inclusive, the motto of "In God we Trust" is on their reverses.

Half Dollars, 1st Coinage, 1794.

None issued in the following years:—1798, 1799 and 1800. 1804 is so exceedingly rare that many Collectors even doubt its existence; my belief in its having been struck, is founded on the fact, that we often find the 1805 with the figure 4 underneath the 5, which clearly proves that it must have been issued. It is "*too ridiculous*" to suppose that the Mint authorities would, in the succeeding year, have struck a die with the 4 under the 5—my theory has always been, that from some cause, there was no demand for half dollars in 1804, and that most probably some very few specimens were struck off, and the die being perfect the figure 5 was struck over the 4 to save the expense of a new die. The only one that I have ever seen, and which was pronounced original by several excellent authorities, is in the possession of Col. E. Jewett, of Utica, who, many years ago, sent it to me to ascertain whether it was genuine. But to proceed, there was no issue in 1816—with this exception, the dates follow in regular succession from 1805 to 1871, both inclusive—those in 1866 to the present time, having the same motto on their reverses as the *Dollars* of these dates

Quarter Dollars, 1st Coinage, 1796.

None issued in 1797 to 1803 inclusive, and 1808 to 1814 inclusive, 1816, 1817, 1826, 1829, 1830—the dates then follow up to the present time, the reverses having the same motto from 1866 to 1871, both inclusive, as the Dollars and Half Dollars.

Dimes, 1st Coinage, 1796.

None issued in the following years:—1799, 1806, 1808, 1810, 1812, 1813, 1815, to 1819 inclusive, and 1826—the dates then follow up to the present time. The obverses and reverses are different from 1860 to 1871 inclusive.

Half Dimes, 1st Coinage, 1794.

None issued in 1798, 1799, 1804, 1806 to 1828 inclusive—the dates then follow up to the present time. The obverses and reverses the same as the Dimes from 1860.

Three Cent Pieces, 1st Coinage, 1850.

Which was struck as a *pattern*, and then the dates follow in succession from 1851 to 1871, both inclusive.

COPPER & NICKEL COINAGE.

Cents, 1st Coinage, 1793.

The dates follow in regular succession to 1814 inclusive; in 1815 none were issued—they then follow to 1857, when the coinage was changed to Nickel, which continued during this year, and up to 1864 inclusive, together with the Bronzed Cent, which was introduced in this year. In 1865 the Nickel Cent was discontinued, and up to 1871 inclusive—the Bronze has been substituted in its place.

I will here remark, that, from 1793 to the present time, there are a great many different types, and several hundred varieties.

Half Cents, 1st Coinage, 1793.

None issued in 1798, 1799, 1801, 1812 to 1824 inclusive—1827, 1830, 1837, 1838, 1839; the dates then follow in regular succession to 1857, when the issue of Half Cents was discontinued. The types and varieties are trifling compared to those in the Cents.

I take this opportunity of stating briefly, that since the introduction of the Nickel Cent, in 1856, which was a *Pattern*, and only issued as Coin in 1857, the following changes have been made in the Coinage:

In 1864 the Two Cent piece in Bronze was introduced.

1865 the Three Cent piece in Nickel was first issued.

1866 the Five Cent piece in Nickel was first issued—a very few were struck in 1865 as *patterns*.

Respectfully,

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